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Retrieval (The Retrieval Duet Book 1)



Synopsis

One story. Two couples. I proposed on our first date. She laughed and told me I was insane. Less than a day later, she said yes. It was a whirlwind, but we were happy... Until we got greedy and wanted a family. It was a life I couldn't give her, not for lack of trying. Fertility just wasn't on our side. We sought out doctors and treatments. Spent money we didn't have. Lied to our families. Smiled for our friends. Put on a brave face for a world that didn't understand. Finally, we were successful... Until we were forced to bury our son. We were left broken, battered, and destroyed. They say love is in the details, but it was the details that ruined us. This is the story of how I took back what had always been mine. The retrieval of my wife and our family. No cheating. Not a triangle. **Transfer (The Retrieval Duet, Book 2) releases on 9/27.**

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Customer Reviews

Retrieval is the outstanding start to a duet that I couldn't put down! With this latest work, Aly Martinez's writing proves to be truly masterful. She takes the reader on a journey that is as mysterious as it is touching. I couldn't help but be drawn in by every single character and their part in this captivating read. The heart-wrenching second chance love story that is Roman and Elisabeth

is one that is much more than expected. What starts as a chance to reconcile with his ex-wife becomes very complicated. With the utmost of skill, the author beautifully blends two story-lines in one and you're quickly engaged in both. Told in multiple POV's, I couldn't wait to find out what might happen with each turn of the page and at the same time, was very hesitant to find out what might happen with each turn of the page! It's intriguing. It's tender. It's sexy. It's painful. And yet it's glorious just the same. I don't want to give anything away, which is why I'm being so vague. But I will share that Roman is one of THE most wonderful men I've ever read about. His desire to make things right with his Lis blew me away. I love his bossy and overbearing ways. They are countered perfectly with his remorse, sincere devotion and tenderness for the love of his life. And their passionate trysts were so damned erotic I had to fan myself on more than one occasion. In addition, the other players in this complicated tale are just as impassioned in their quest to find out deeply held secrets and make them finally come to light. It's a book that you won't want to end and might very well curse the author when you realize the last few lines are near. Thank goodness, the second book and conclusion won't be far behind.

4.5 STARS

For Roman and Elisabeth, their whirlwind romance was perfect; idyllic, even. From the very moment they met, they shared a deep connection. They were soul mates; their lives, destined to be tethered together for life. But despite being hopelessly and irrevocably in love, they were young, naïve, and dared to dream of more. Eventually, those dreams would catapult this couple into a spiral of despair, where the strength of their bond would be put to the ultimate of tests. Struggling with issues of infertility and then subsequently suffering through a devastating loss, Roman and Elisabeth's world was shaken to the core. Individually, they tried to navigate through the storm, but trying to do so on their own only threatened to drown them both. Instead of clinging to each other through the choppy waters, the couple slowly drifted apart. Alone, each fought to stay afloat. Consumed by depression, Elisabeth craved Roman's emotional support as well as his physical presence. But Roman pulled away, making Elisabeth feel lonely and isolated in her grief. Unable to bear witness to Elisabeth's heartbreak, Roman threw himself into work, convinced that money could make right all that had gone terribly wrong. Roman was unable to communicate his feelings of inadequacy over his inability to physically or financially give Elisabeth the one thing she desired the most: "a child. Plagued by sorrow and guilt, he kept his distance, forging an even greater divide within their marriage. Thus, the couple quickly lost sight of everything that they once had shared. Add to that their failure to communicate, and the demise of their relationship eventually ensued.

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